

## Risk assessment template – Kingskerswell Children’s Play Area

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### **General Risk Assessment Conditions**

There are five separate areas included within this risk assessment conducted by Kingskerswell Parish Council, they include: The over tens gated play area, the under tens gated play area, the open air gymnasium, the multi use gated area, and the basket ball area. Whilst they are all separate areas with different equipment and use, they all share significant similarities in their risk profile, as far as the threat from COVID 19 is concerned. This similar risk profile, allows a single risk assessment to cover all five areas, as they share the mix of possible contamination, touch points and areas of public usage. This risk assessment has been completed in order to assess the risk to the public of the use of these play areas prior to re-opening. The risk assessment is not one for the normal use of the equipment (that remains extant), but specifically to cover the risk from COVID 19, and potential cross contamination from touch and proximity. The initial assessment of the general areas identified:

- The areas have been closed to the public for 12 weeks – and as such due to weather and sunlight would not now pose a risk as far as residual contamination of the equipment. So there is no requirement to clean these items prior to re-opening.
- All static apparatus is already at least 2.5m apart, in some case significantly more.
- The swings whilst separate from other static sites are only 1m apart – however this allows users to sit side by side and thus meets the 1m guidance for social distancing.
- There are guide rails and metal railings in other parts of the playing fields (bridge and disability ramp) those railings have not required signage during the pandemic, so it is envisaged that the re-opening will rely on the application of common sense by users.
- The KKPC does not have the ability to place staff at each site or location, nor would it be reasonable to clean apparatus after every child’s use, so this risk assessment has identified ways to mitigate the overarching risk of cross contamination from hard surfaces through sensible use of individual hand sanitisation.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
Entry Gates	All users through hand contact.	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks, see notes below	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Boundary railings and fences	All users through hand contact.	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Static play apparatus	All users through hand and body contact. Under tens through hand to mouth contact	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Moving apparatus	All users through hand and body contact. Under tens through hand to mouth contact	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Seating	All users through hand and body contact. Under tens through	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	

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Bins	All users through hand contact.	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
A maximum number of users at any one time	All users through a breach of social distancing for all users	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks, including advising only one family group or bubble per piece of equipment	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Only have 1 family member accompanying a child	All users through a breach of social distancing for all users	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks, including advising only one family group or bubble per piece of equipment	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Limit the available number of seats on equipment or swings	All users through a breach of social distancing for all users	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks, including advising only	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	

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			one family group or bubble per piece of equipment. The swings are spaced at 1m and side by side – so the 1m rule will apply			
Explain a time limit to users	All users through a breach of social distancing for all users	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks, including advising to only enter once there is social distancing space	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Provide space for queues	All users through a breach of social distancing for all users	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Not required, due to large open areas, but will assess on an ongoing basis	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
The owners cleaning high traffic touchpoints frequently, including entry and exit points	All users through cross contamination of all hard surfaces	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 specific risks, including explaining that none of the equipment is sanitised, so users must sanitise before	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	

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			and after use			
Encourage the effective sanitisation by users, using their own hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean their children's hands	All users through cross contamination of all hard surfaces	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Remind adults and children not to put their mouths on equipment or their hands in their mouths	All users through cross contamination of all hard surfaces, but especially under 10s who have a tendency to put hands in their mouths	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19, but ultimately this requires detailed supervision from adults	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Promote the need for social distancing	All users through a breach of social distancing for all users	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	

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Provide more waste facilities and more frequent rubbish collection	All users through cross contamination of all hard surfaces	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Not required, but will assess on a regular basis	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	
Provide hand sanitiser at the entry and exit points	All users through cross contamination of all hard surfaces	Nothing specifically for COVID 19	Additional guidance in the form of signage for COVID 19 explaining that this will not be provided, and users must use their own sanitiser before and after use	KKPC	The date when re-opened to the public	

**When the risks mitigation is combined – it results in a simple series of signage to ensure the safe use of the play areas, with those key points of risk control being captured in the following guidance displayed at each point of entry:**

#### **COVID -19 Guidance for Use**

In line with the latest government guidelines, this play facility is now reopened for use. However, due to the risk of cross contamination, please adhere to the following conditions:

- Treat all surfaces within the facility as being contaminated; and use your own hand sanitiser before and after any use of the equipment, seating or tables

- Maintain social distancing, at all times, between family units or bubbles
- One family unit or bubble to use one piece of equipment at any one time
- If all equipment is in use, please wait until there is space to enter the area
- For the youngest children, please supervise closely, and be aware of the risk of their hand to mouth contact with the apparatus